

PEACE CORPS

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Signed at Sarajevo February 26, 2001



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“. . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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*Agreement signed at Sarajevo February 26, 2001;
Entered into force February 26, 2001.*

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA CONCERNING THE
PROGRAM OF THE PEACE CORPS IN
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The Government of the United States of America (hereinafter "the United States") and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter "Bosnia and Herzegovina"), recognizing the importance of developing mutually advantageous relationships and cooperation between their countries, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of the United States shall furnish such Peace Corps volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
2. The volunteers shall work under the immediate supervision of governmental and private organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina designated by the two Governments.
3. The Government of the United States shall provide training to enable the volunteers to perform their tasks in the most effective manner.
4. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in Bosnia and Herzegovina as the two Governments may agree.

ARTICLE II

1. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall accord equitable treatment to the volunteers and personnel performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps and their dependents and property; accord them and their property full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and fully inform, consult, and cooperate with representatives of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them.
2. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall exempt the volunteers and persons performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps who are not citizens or permanent residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina from all taxes on payments that they receive to defray their living costs, on income derived from their Peace Corps work, and on income from other sources outside Bosnia and Herzegovina; from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Bosnia and Herzegovina for their own use; and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to volunteers and persons performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps.

ARTICLE III

1. The Government of the United States shall provide the volunteers, the Peace Corps representative and staff of the representative with such limited quantities of equipment and supplies as the two Governments may consider necessary to enable the volunteers to perform their tasks effectively.
2. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall exempt from all taxes (including value-added taxes), customs duties, and other charges all equipment, supplies, and other goods and services introduced into or acquired in Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

ARTICLE IV

1. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall receive a Peace Corps representative and such staff of the representative (including employees and contractor personnel as designated by the Peace Corps representative), and members of their families forming part of their households, as are acceptable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other agreement, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall exempt such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, who are not citizens or permanent residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or other sources outside Bosnia and Herzegovina, from all customs duties and other charges on their personal property introduced into Bosnia and Herzegovina for their own use, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. In addition, such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel of the diplomatic mission of the United States, except they shall not be accorded immunities.
2. The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to the Peace Corps representative, staff, and individuals performing functions under this Agreement, and members of their families forming part of their households.

ARTICLE V

The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Bosnia and Herzegovina for use in accordance with this agreement by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into the currency of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the highest rate that is not unlawful in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ARTICLE VI

1. Appropriate representatives of the two Governments may from time to time make such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement.
2. Any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved amicably by the two Governments.

ARTICLE VII

The undertakings of each Government herein are subject to the availability of funds.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual consent of the two Governments. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and a future agreement regarding cooperation to facilitate assistance, this agreement shall prevail concerning the Peace Corps program.

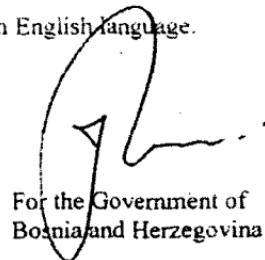
ARTICLE IX

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of its intention to terminate the agreement.

Done at Sarajevo on February 26, 2001, in duplicate in English language.



For the Government of the
United States of America



For the Government of
Bosnia and Herzegovina